

The influenza is at times prevalent among the natives, where the foreigners call it the "dandy cough." It was so prevalent, that scarcely one escaped. The natives give it the name of the Papalangi disease, as they suppose that it was brought among them by the whites. It made its appearance among them some years since, and again about a year before our arrival. Dr. Fox thinks, from the description he received from the natives, that it resembles in all particulars the epidemic that raged so extensively in America about the same time. From the natives' account, the last time that it occurred, there were not enough of well people in the village to look after the sick. In some villages one-half the population died. Whippy did not think this account exaggerated, and many of the whites say that at least one-tenth of the inhabitants fell victims to it, either at the time of the attack or from the effects of it.

Whippy said that the mode of treating it was to drink plenty of warm water, roll themselves up in mats, and lay themselves down in their houses, where many of them died. Tui Levuka, when asked for information about it, spoke of it with much dread.

From the observations throughout the group, we found that elephantiasis did not prevail to the extent that we had remarked at the more eastern and northern groups. It is said to prevail most at the isle of Kantavu, but as we had but little communication with its natives, I am not able to assert that this is correct.

Dr. Fox remarks, that rheumatism is very common, more particularly among the women. Acute rheumatism is not very prevalent. The pain is principally experienced in the long bones, and they relieve it as they do other pains, by making deep incisions over the part affected: for this purpose sometimes, when cutting about the joints, they sever the tendons. The effect of this practice is seen in large scars upon almost every individual.

Dr. Fox saw a lad, of ten years old, who had been cut in all directions for a severe rheumatism he was subject to. Exostosis of all the long bones, and also of the skull, were apparent on him. He had, however, received so much relief from it, that he rather sought the operation. He suffered the most severely at night, and in bad weather.

Dysentery has never prevailed here as an epidemic, although cases now and then occur, from irregularities, as elsewhere. The disease of the spine which we found so prevalent at the Samoan Group, is quite rare here.

Of phthisis pulmonalis Dr. Fox did not see a case, and he thinks it must be rare. In his inquiries among the white men, he heard of a disease somewhat resembling it, and which, he thinks, may be it, or